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3 Invention: RETRACTABLE TETHER FOR A PET

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18 5. *Cover page -0-, *14 Pages of Specification, including a total of *17
19 claims, 1 of which is/are independent;
20 6. *VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37
21 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR, executed by
22 applicant(s);
23 7. *DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION FOR PATENT APPLICATION,
24 executed by applicant(s); and
25 8. *Information Disclosure Statement page -i-, and *Substitute for form
26 PTO-1449A/PTO with indicated *citations attached thereto.

27 Respectfully submitted,

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6 application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed
7 in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires
8 publication at eighteen months after filing.

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